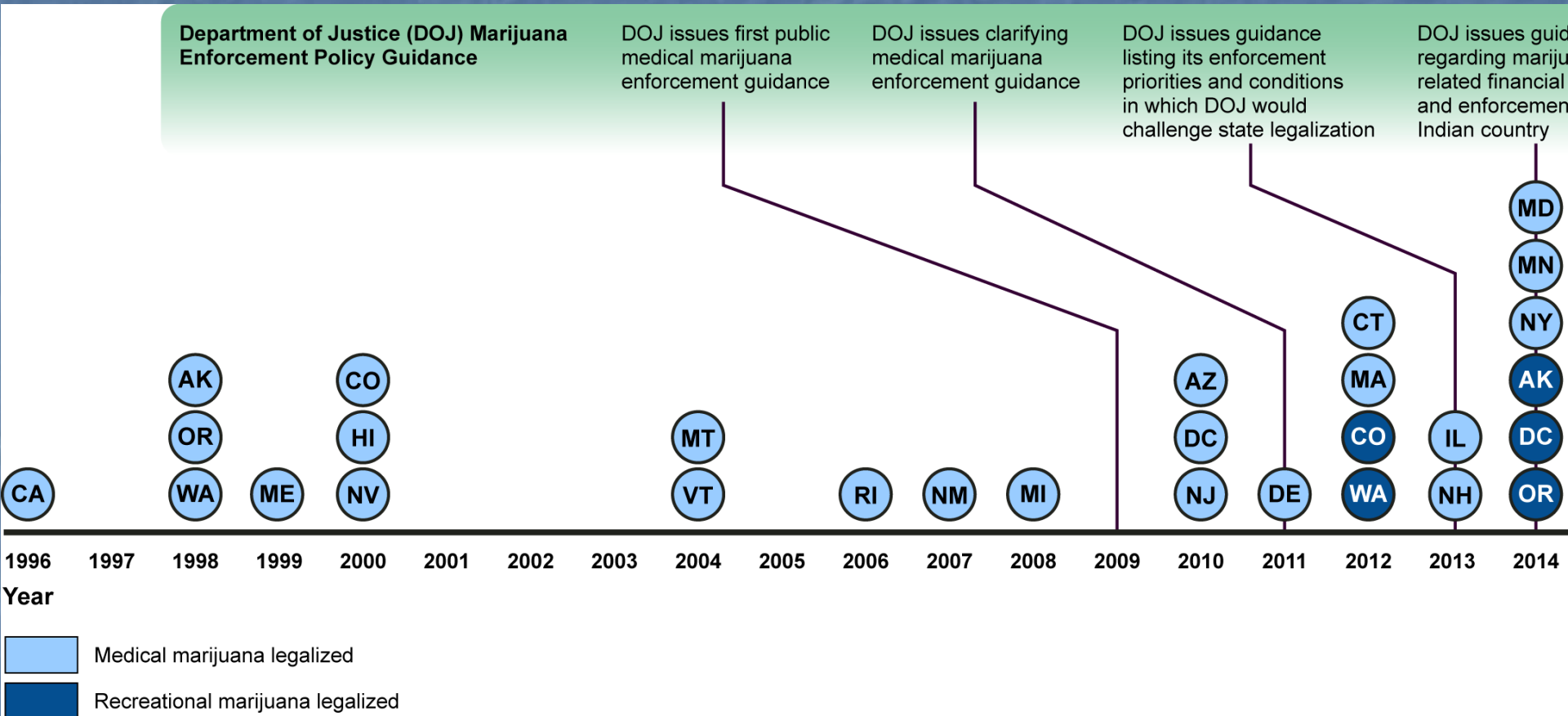


Marijuana Legalization in Washington

Topics

- Washington's "marijuana history" (illegal, medical, and recreational)
- Governing structure
- Ongoing issues:
 - Bringing medical under state control
 - Financial institution access
 - Federal-state relations and Cole Memo
 - priorities

Timeline of Legalization



Source: GAO analysis of state laws and regulations; Department of Justice. | GAO-16-1

Source: GAO Report 16-1, State Marijuana Legalization

Washington: Trafficked Drugs



2000s: Dispensaries Increase



2011: Gov. Gregoire veto



Source: KOMO News

Dispensaries Increase (cont.)



2012: Initiative 502 campaign



Source: Yes on I-502 website

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A New Approach to Marijuana

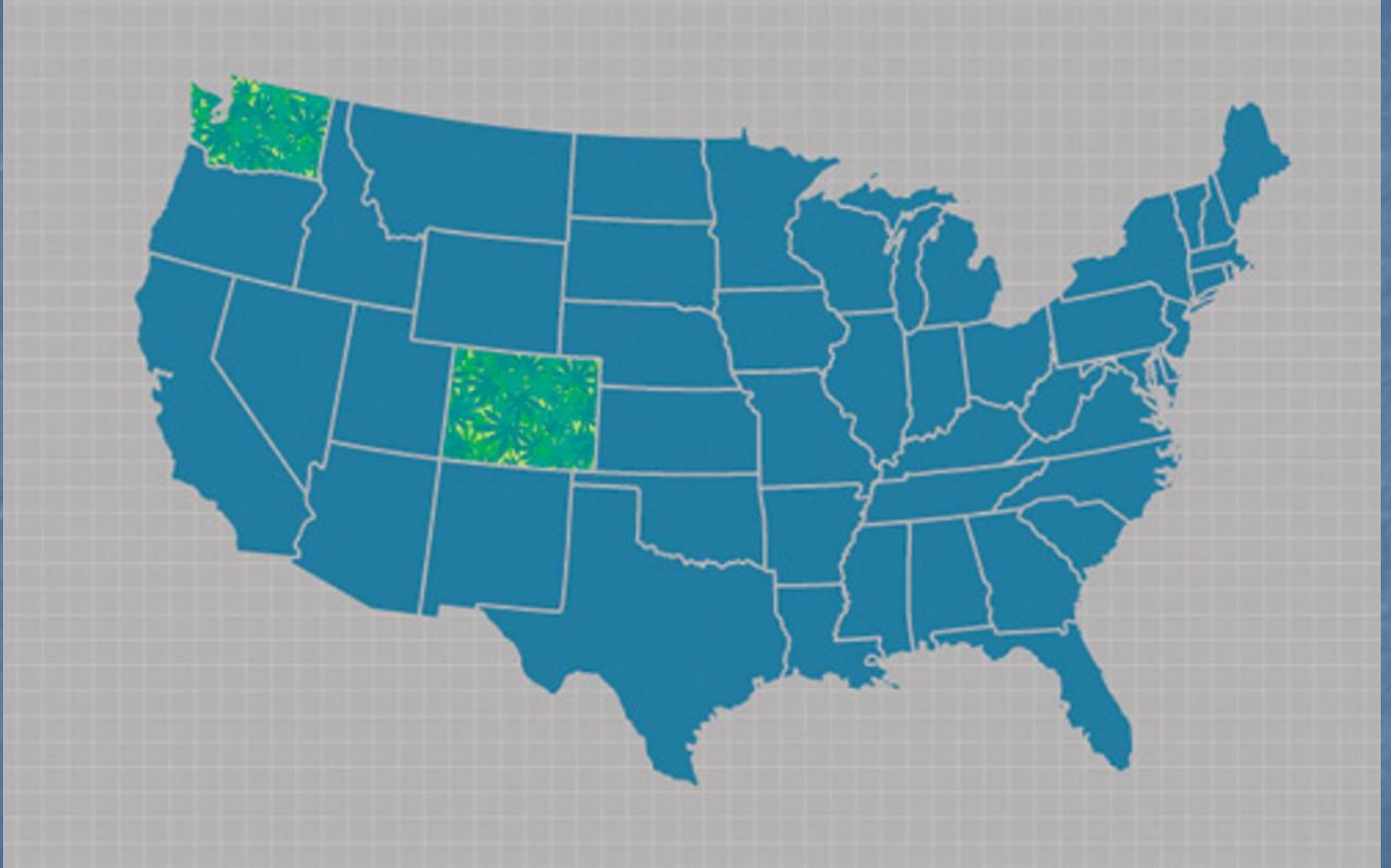
with *Rick Steves* and guests

October 12-18, 2012



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2013: Washington and Colorado



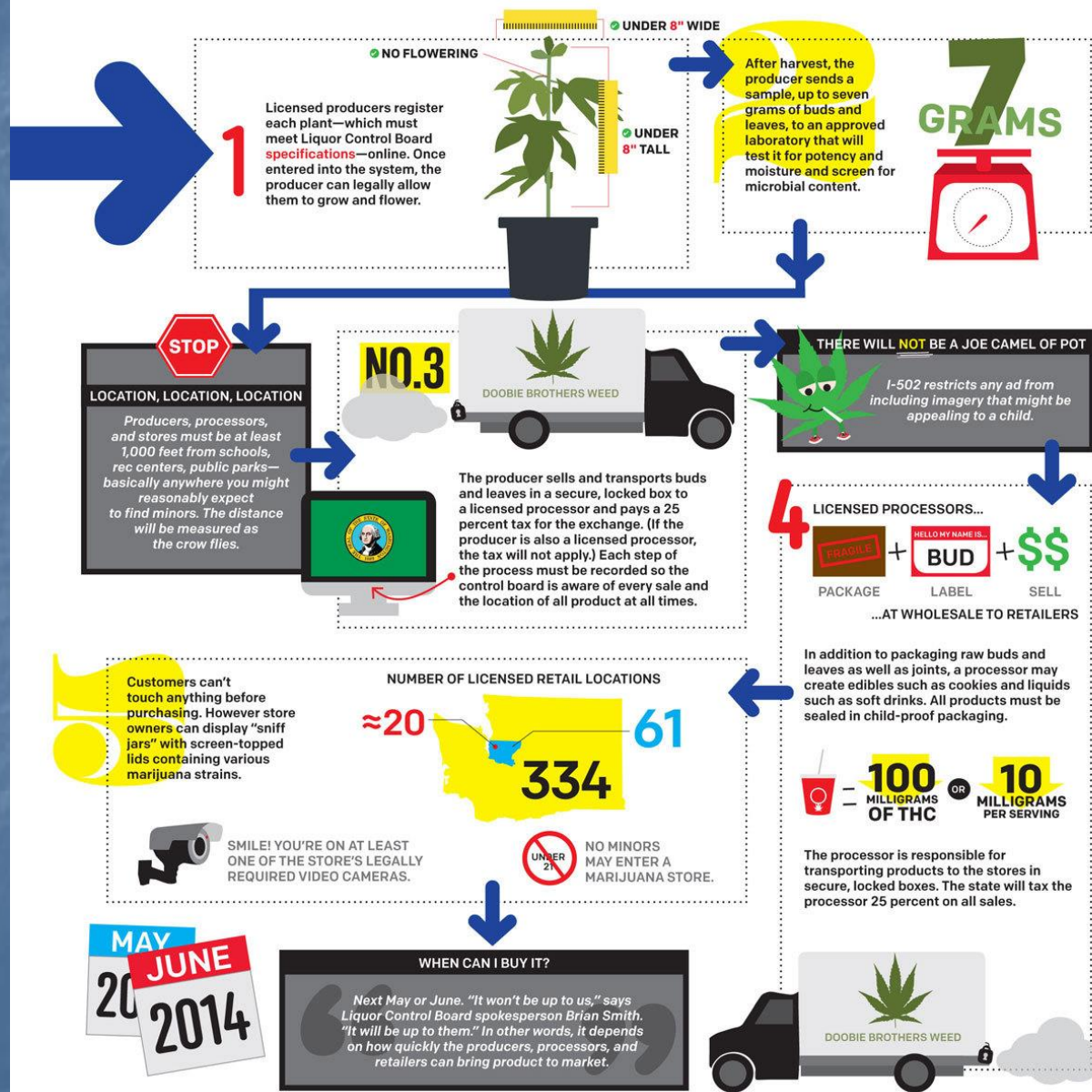
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Washington State Liquor Control Board

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Between November 18 and December 18, the Washington State Liquor Control Board will accept license applications for marijuana producers, processors, and retailers—a big step in seeing Initiative 502 become a reality. Here's how pot will get from the grow-op to the pipe bowl. *By James Ross Gardner*

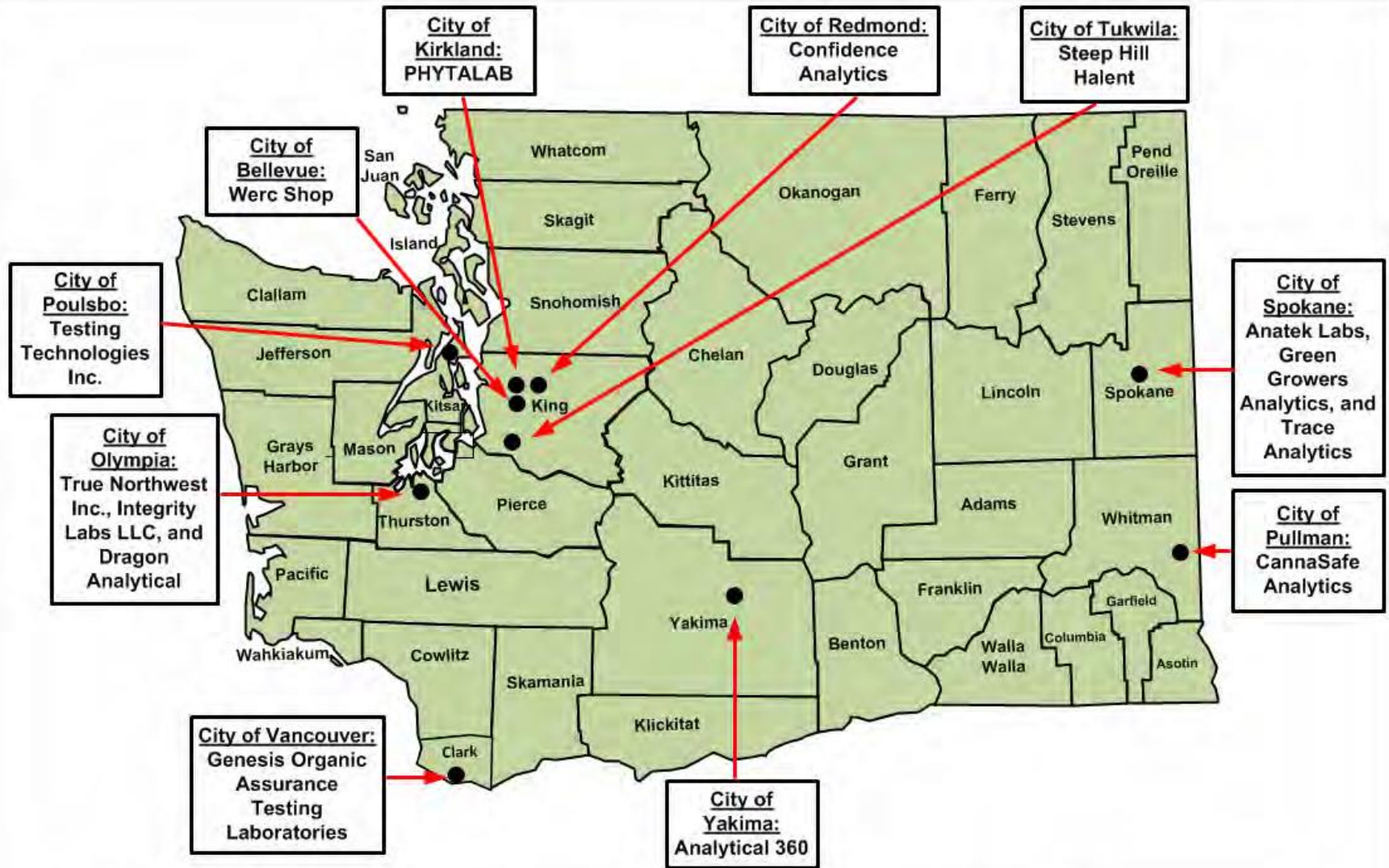


Producers, Processors, Retailers (lottery)

Traceability System

Source: Seattle Met

Testing Laboratories



Certified Marijuana Testing Laboratories in Washington State

Data From the Washington State Liquor Control Board

Tax Revenue Funded Research



Washington State
Department of Social
& Health Services



Washington State
Institute for
Public Policy

2013: Cole Memo



U.S. Department of Justice


Office of the Deputy Attorney General

The Deputy Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

August 29, 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

FROM: James M. Cole 
Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: Guidance Regarding Marijuana Enforcement

In October 2009 and June 2011, the Department issued guidance to federal prosecutors concerning marijuana enforcement under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). This memorandum updates that guidance in light of state ballot initiatives that legalize under state law the possession of small amounts of marijuana and provide for the regulation of marijuana production, processing, and sale. The guidance set forth herein applies to all federal enforcement

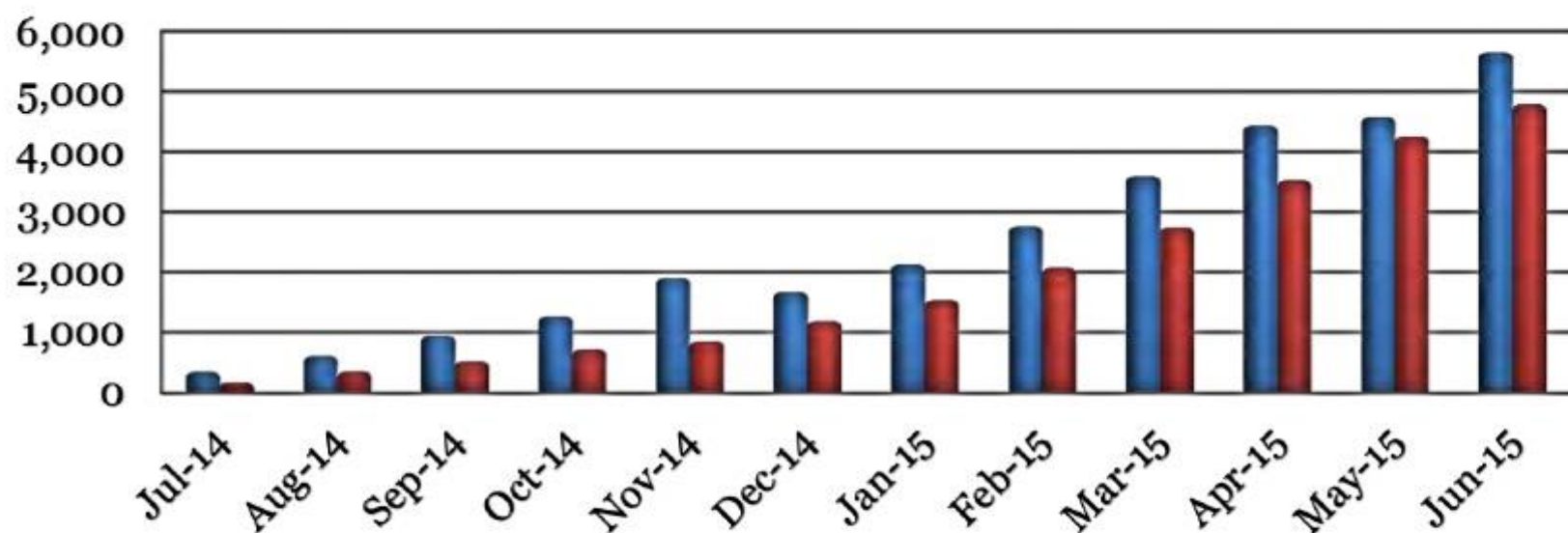
Cole Memo Priorities

- Preventing the distribution of marijuana to minors;
- Preventing revenue from the sale of marijuana from going to criminal enterprises, gangs, and cartels;
- Preventing the diversion of marijuana from states where it is legal under state law in some form to other states;
- Preventing state-authorized marijuana activity from being used as a cover or pretext for the trafficking of other illegal drugs or other illegal activity;
- Preventing violence and the use of firearms in the cultivation and distribution of marijuana;
- Preventing drugged driving and the exacerbation of other adverse public health consequences associated with marijuana use;
- Preventing the growing of marijuana on public lands and the attendant public safety and environmental dangers posed by marijuana production on public lands; and
- Preventing marijuana possession or use on federal property.



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

Usable Marijuana Production and Sales



	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15
■ Pounds Produced	337	605	939	1,257	1,901	1,663	2,122	2,754	3,589	4,428	4,569	5,644
■ Pounds Sold	175	343	513	711	848	1,184	1,529	2,067	2,738	3,519	4,247	4,780

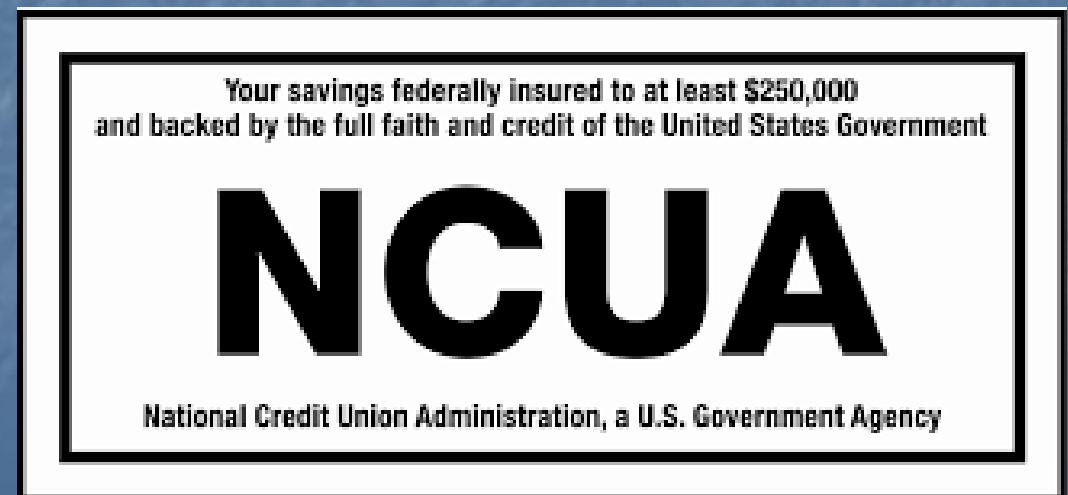
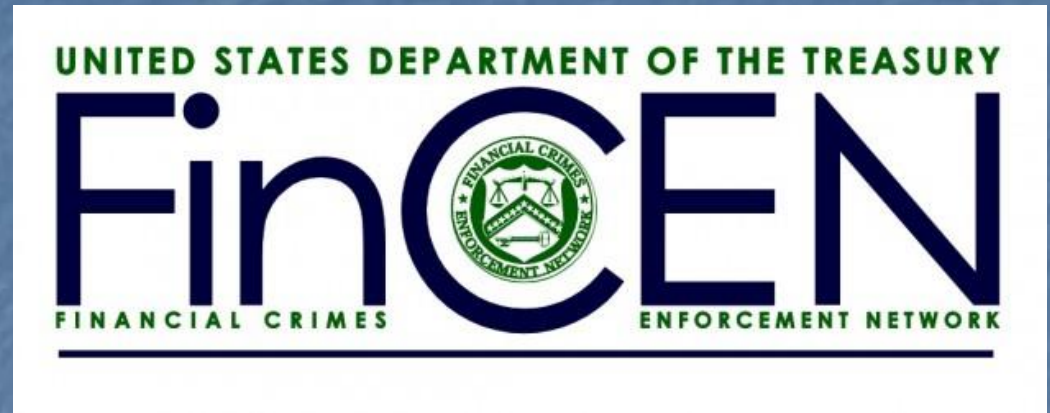
SOURCE: Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Fiscal Year 2015 Data and NWHIDTA

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Washington marijuana sales top \$709 million in 2015



Ongoing Issues: Financial System Access



Ongoing Issues: Public Safety



Source: KOMO News

Public Safety



Source: Crosscut.com

Interstate Diversion

States to Which Washington State Marijuana Was Destined 2012-2015*



SOURCE: El Paso Intelligence Center, National Seizure System, and NWHIDTA
2015*: January through September

County Preemption

Recreational Marijuana Business Ordinances for Washington State Counties



SOURCE: Municipal Research Services Center and NWHIDTA

Reconciling Medical and Recreational



Federal Prosecutions



Source: King5.com

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